Father Grieves In Privacy At Summer Home

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (AP) —Former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy grieved in the privacy of his summer home today as the rest of the nation paid final homage to his slain son.

Although pronounced fit to travel, Kennedy, 75, elected to remain here. His niece, Ann Gargan, and the Rev. John Cavanaugh, long-time friend and president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, were with him.

Dr. Russell S. Boles, Boston neurologist, said the former ambassador displayed "tremendous courage" upon learning Saturday of his son's assassination. The family waited 21 hours after John F. Kennedy died before telling his father.

Boles said it was the elder Kennedy's decision whether or not to attend the funeral.

Kennedy suffered a stroke two years ago and has been confined to a wheelchair since.